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2.3 Modelling with ODEs

The equations that describe the boulder's altitude are

- $my'' = -mg - \gamma y'$
- $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 10$

The Solution is $y(t) = -\frac{mg}{\gamma}t - \left(\frac{m^2g}{\gamma^2} + \frac{10m}{\gamma}\right)\left(e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} - 1\right)$

1. Can you think of ways/experiments to measure (gamma) and m based on using this formula?

a. Measure $y(t_1) = y_1$

b. Throw the boulder

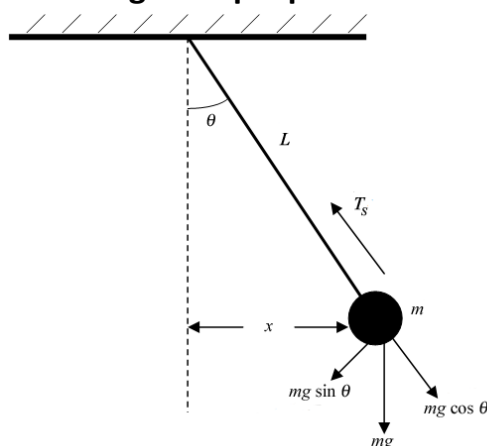
You can measure the drag coefficient by this.

i. Use terminal velocity $y'(t) = 0$

When modelling

- Define Variables (write units if you know)
 - Example: $h(t)$ = height of boulder t seconds after launch
- Start with Basic Principles
- Models are Approximations -- Require Assumptions (difficult part of modelling)

Modelling a simple pendulum



- Which basic principle should we use?
 - We need to know
 - **Force = Gravity + Tension**
 - Gravity = $-mg$
 - Tension = T
 - Newton's 2nd law ($F = ma$)

$$\mathbf{F} = -m\mathbf{g} + (-T)$$

- Going to be made up of gravity acting on the mass and the tension in the rope
- Assume
 - Massless rope
 - Rigid rope - string is always at a constant length L, no elastic energy
 - No friction from either the air or the hinge or the rope
 - No air resistance
 - Small angles
- Define variables
 - The force of T is in the direction of the string, we need to represent this. If we used $T\cos\theta$ or $-T\sin\theta$, we would have the problem of introducing another variable, θ , to find! Instead, use vectors:
 - $\vec{r}(t)$ = position of the mass t seconds after it is launched
 - $\mathbf{F} = -mg\hat{j} + (-T\vec{r})$
 - Note: We cannot add a scalar and vector together! Therefore, the gravity component includes \hat{j} to make it a vector.
 - Acceleration = $\vec{v}' = \vec{r}''$

Other Examples of Modelling with First Order Differential Equations (not covered in lecture)

1. Mixing

i.e. Stir Tank Reaction: Adding salt to a tank of water, and at the same time, draining salt water out of the tank.

- Define variables:
 - t = time (min), $m(t)$ = mass of salt in the water (g), V = volume of water in the tank (L), R = flow rate of water (L/min), and C = salt concentration of water (g/L)
- Basic principle:
 - $C = \frac{m}{V}$ (*concentration* = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$)
 - $\frac{dm}{dt} = \text{rate in} - \text{rate out}$
- Constructing the model
 - Assume the inflow rate of water is the same as the outflow rate of water.
 - Assume the volume of water in the tank is constant at all times.
 - Model: $\frac{dm}{dt} = \text{rate in} - \text{rate out} = RC_{in} - RC_{out} = RC_{in} - R\frac{m(t)}{V}$
 - If given initial mass of salt in the tank, then can solve differential equation above for $m(t)$ to find mass of salt in the tank at any time t .

2. Paying Off a Loan

i.e. Borrowing money from the bank and making monthly payments to payback the bank.

- t = time (years), $S(t)$ = balance on the bank loan at any time t (\$), r = annual interest rate (%/year), k = monthly payment rate (\$/month)

- Assume annual interest rate is constant for all years.
- Model: $\frac{dS}{dt} = rS(t) - 12k$, k is multiplied by 12 to account for 12 months in a year.

3. Population Growth

- Exponential growth model: $\frac{dP}{dt} = rP(t)$
- Logistic growth model: $\frac{dP}{dt} = rP(t) \left(1 - \frac{P(t)}{K}\right)$
- r = population growth rate, $P(t)$ = population at time t , K = carrying capacity of the population
- Logistic growth model is a better model with better approximations than exponential growth model because population will not grow indefinitely in real life.

4. Newton's Law of Cooling

- k = transmission coefficient, rate of heat exchange between the object and its surroundings, measured in $(\text{time})^{-1}$,
 $u(t)$ = temperature of object at any time t (Kelvin, Celsius, or Fahrenheit), T = ambient temperature/temperature of surroundings (Kelvin, Celsius, or Fahrenheit)
- Model: $\frac{du}{dt} = -k(u(t) - T)$

5. Escape Velocity

- v_e = escape velocity, the least initial velocity for which the object launched from the ground will not return to the Earth (m/s), R = radius of the earth (m), x = distance above sea level (m), g = acceleration due to gravity ($\frac{m}{s^2}$), k = a constant, $w(x)$ = gravitational force acting on the mass (N), m = mass (kg), $x+R$ = altitude/distance from the center of the Earth (m)
- Assume there is no air resistance.
- $w(x) = -\frac{k}{(x+R)^2}$, and $w(0) = -mg$ at sea level, so $k = mgR^2$
- Since there are no other forces acting on the object:
- $w(x) = F_{net} = ma = m \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{mgR^2}{(R+x)^2}$, where $\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx}$
- Model: $v \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{gR^2}{(R+x)^2}$
- Solving the model, it is found that $v_e = \sqrt{2gR}$, and the escape velocity on Earth is about 11.1 km/s
- Full derivation can be found in section 2.2 of the textbook (second edition)